

ASHES

Presented to the
Pastor.Represented Payment of
a Church Debt.Fine Reports Received by First
Church of Christ.

The most successful year in the history of that congregation was reported at the annual meeting of the First Church of Christ Monday evening. From 5 to 7 o'clock supper was served and more than 400 were present. Mr. Alex. Adamson was chosen to preside over the meeting which opened in the auditorium at 8 o'clock. Reports received showed that during the year the congregation had raised \$3,500 for current expenses and \$1,000 for missions. There were 117 additions to the church membership and 19 deaths in the congregation. The resident membership is now 807, and the total membership, 903. During the year Rev. J. G. Slayter, the pastor, delivered 197 addresses and solemnized 37 marriages. The First Church of Christ of Akron is now the fifth church of that denomination in point of aiding the missionary cause, and the pastor announced that a still greater work in that direction would be expected this year.

It was decided at this meeting to increase the number of elders from five to six, deacons from 12 to 15 and deaconesses from two to five. The new elders elected were Messrs. H. L. Eggleston and W. E. Slabaugh. The new deacons are J. F. Kyser, J. H. Stratton, and H. A. Valentine; new deaconesses, Mrs. M. E. Baker, Mrs. M. E. Foster and Mrs. B. F. Grove. Mr. H. D. Teeple was elected as a new trustee. The report of the trustees showed that the remaining indebtedness of the church, \$3000, had been paid, and after addresses by Mr. W. E. Slabaugh, and Rev. J. G. Slayter, six children of the primary department burned the mortgage on the church property. The ashes were placed in an urn and presented to the pastor. A congratulatory letter from Rev. C. J. Tanner, of Minneapolis, a former pastor, was read, and a suitable reply sent him.

KNOT-TYING

Left a Weak Spot In His
Record.Troubles of a Couple Whom Ex-
Mayor Young Married.

During his administration as Mayor of Akron, Attorney W. E. Young was called on three times to perform marriage ceremonies. He responded, and the events were pulled off according to advertisement. But it now leaks out that in one instance he failed to tie the knot tight enough. In fact, this was made plain the same day the ceremony was committed. While the bride and groom were going home from the Mayor's office, the groom stopped in a store for some excuse or other, slipped out the back door and has since been absent from Akron and the presence of his wife.

His name was Alex Hartman—but this throws no light on the mystery. His wife has now set out to get her hands on the fleeing one, and will no doubt call on ex-Mayor Young to make good for the deficiency in the knot-tying if the husband cannot be located. Prisonkeeper Washer may be named as an accomplice, because it was he who gave the bride away.

Mrs. Hartman related her tribulations to Chief Durkin, Tuesday morning, and wept copiously as she told of her husband's faithlessness.

DISCOVERY MADE
BY CHIEF MERTZ.Claims to Have Located \$2,400
For Fire Fund.

Fire Chief Mertz says he has made a discovery which will be brought to the attention of the City Commissioners in the form of a recommendation. He claims to have found that \$2,400 was transferred from the Fire fund to the Bridge fund, in 1894, and Chief Mertz will recommend that this amount be returned to the credit of the Fire fund. At present the Bridge fund is in splendid shape, but the condition of the Fire fund is well known. This amount of money would give considerable new life to the spirits of the firemen who have long been waiting for pay.

Personal
and Social

Mr. O. C. Barber is in New York on business.

Mr. C. D. Crouch left Monday night for New York.

Mr. Edwin D. Weary, of Chicago, is the guest of Akron friends.

Mr. W. T. Tobin spent Tuesday in Cleveland.

Mr. D. H. McBride, of New York, who has been in Akron for some time, went to Cleveland Tuesday.

Gen. J. S. Coxey, of Mt. Vernon, O., was at the Buchtel, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Chas. Dick accompanied her husband to Washington, Monday afternoon, and will remain several weeks.

Mr. Chas. J. Lang, of the firm Lang & Hoover, who has been in the East, on a business trip, returned to the city Tuesday.

Miss Mary Allison, of Chicago, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Allison.

Miss Grace Dodge returned Monday, to Baltimore college.

Mrs. Alice Metlin entertained the Plate club at her home on Fir st., Monday afternoon.

Mr. Florenz C. Weber has returned to Purdue University after spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. Wm. Cooper has returned to Western Reserve Dental college, after a two weeks' visit with his parents on Home ave.

Mrs. J. Lawrence, of Cleveland, has returned to her home after spending a week with Mrs. S. W. McConville, 707 West Thornton st.

The congregation of the church of Our Saviour will give a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Geo. P. Atwater, Thursday evening.

The Entire Nons club held a business meeting at the home of Miss Celia Ritzer, 111 Steese st. Monday evening, and decided to issue invitations for a party to be held Feb. 5, at the home of Miss Flora Smith, South High st.

Mrs. Charlotte F. Nutt and her daughters, Jennie, Louise and Eleanor, left Tuesday morning for Cleveland, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Henry C. Woehler, of Akron, left Monday evening to join her husband at Cincinnati, from which place they left Tuesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend some time for the benefit of Mr. Woehler's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nicol entertained a party of 30 at cards in a suite of rooms at the Arcade, Monday evening, in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, of Erie, Pa. Supper was served, and a delightful evening was spent.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.
The Fortnightly club met last evening at the home of Miss S. A. Hillis on North Union st. The meeting was well attended. Mrs. M. Louer read a paper on "The House of Burgundy," and Miss Eleanor Francis on "The Hague." Both papers showed careful preparation and were well received. A general discussion of American authors, followed. Resolutions expressing sympathy and condolence to Mrs. D. P. Wheeler, who is a member of the club, were adopted.

FAMILY QUARREL

Resulted In Walter Buckmaster's
Arrest.

Walter Buckmaster, a young man well known in South Akron, was arrested Monday evening, charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Oplinger, an aged woman, who had called at Buckmaster's home, on Bartses st. A quarrel arose, with the result that the aged woman was badly hurt. She was taken to her home on a street car, and Buckmaster was arrested. He was accompanied in court, Tuesday, by his wife. He pleaded not guilty, and his trial was postponed until Mrs. Oplinger is able to appear in court.

Died at Mogadore.

Mr. H. C. Davis, aged 72, died Saturday night, at the residence of his son-in-law, at Mogadore.

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QUESTION

Is Asked by a
Citizen.What Will Inexperienced
Committee DoWhen Commissioners
Can't Answer?He Urges Investigation Thorough
and Impartial.

A citizen who attended Council meeting Monday night, and seems to have given particular attention to the remarks of Mayor Doyle relating to the appointment of a committee to examine the financial affairs, submits the following comments and questions:

"I heard the Mayor say that the three Commissioners lately appointed by himself and Judge Anderson had not been in office long enough to become sufficiently familiar with the affairs of the city to be able to examine thoroughly and report in detail the true condition of affairs. And, as suggested by this, may I ask, what does he expect to accomplish by a committee whose members are unfamiliar with the affairs of the city, after he has acknowledged that the three Commissioners, who have had six months' experience, are not equal to the task?"

"And I would also suggest that this committee be more than a formality—that it do something and thoroughly. To arrive at what it is aiming at, will require work, and if the committee begins the work let it do so with a determination to give the public something worth while. Let the examination begin early in the history of the city, and come through records up to the present time. Upon this committee will devolve a great deal more than merely standing around as a meaningless formality."

CROWD

Organizing to Go to
Detroit.Simms-Duffy Fight Will Be the
Magnet.

An effort is being made by members of the South End Athletic club to get together a crowd to constitute an excursion to Detroit, at the time of the Simms-Duffy fight. The names of 28 local people have been secured to a list of those who will go, and efforts are being made to secure enough names to make a crowd of fifty.

According to present arrangements, the crowd will leave Akron at 8:52 Jan. 22, arriving at Detroit at 5:55 p. m., leaving Detroit for home the following morning, and arriving here at 3:53 p. m. the same day.

It is desired that those who wish to go, leave their names at the Arena, Simms & Young's place, 225 South Main st., as soon as possible.

RAILWAY CHANGES.

B. & O. and C. L. & W. Will
Operate as Double Track.

Beginning Monday morning, Jan. 6, the B. & O. and C. L. & W. tracks between Sterling and Warwick will be operated as double track. The west bound trains of both roads will use the B. & O. tracks between these points and east bound trains will report to the C. L. & W. at Sterling and use the C. L. & W. track from Sterling to Warwick. East and west bound B. & O. trains will register at Sterling instead of Warwick, but all trains will report at Warwick for orders same as formerly.

OFFICERS

Elected For West Congregational
Church.

Members of the West Congregational church held their annual meeting Monday night, preceded by a supper and social at the church. The affairs of the church are in good shape. The new year was entered without debt on the congregation, and the various reports showed progress in church work. Messrs. J. B. Wright, C. R. Grant and A. F. Lillis were elected trustees; E. D. Coats, treasurer; Philip Trench, clerk; Messrs. Josiah D. Merriam, Herbert Reading, Philip T. Brown, Henry Horn, Philip Trench, Emory Starks, Arthur Watson, Judson Laraway and Gordon Davies.

IT IS NOT SO,

Says the Vice-President of Lake
Shore Company.

Cleveland, Jan. 7.—Relative to the report that the Lake Shore is about to build a new low grade road from Ash-tabula, O., to New Castle, Pa., Vice President and General Manager Brown of that company said today: "Nothing of the kind is contemplated. Our facilities between Ash-tabula and New-castle are satisfactory under the present arrangements."

NO EXCUSE

Was Offered by Thomas
Murray.An Actor Who Stopped at Washer's
Hotel.

"I have no excuse," said Thomas Murray to the Mayor, Tuesday morning when arraigned on the charge of intoxication. "I was drunk and that's all there was to it."

"Are you in the habit of getting drunk?"

"No, sir."

"Very well, Thomas, I'll give you a chance, \$2 and costs."

Fred Murray, a member of the "Hon. John Grigsby" Company, struck Akron with the accumulation of eccentric tendencies incident to a several days' spree, and was gathered in by the police Monday. After a night in the City Prison, where his wants were ministered unto by Prisonkeeper Washer, Murray recovered his equilibrium sufficiently so that he was permitted to go early Tuesday, after paying a fine for intoxication.

SCORING

And Awarding Prem-
iums Today.Poultry Show Will Open to the
Public Wednesday.

A busy set of members of the Akron Pet Stock and Poultry club were putting the finishing touches on the annual show, Tuesday, preparatory to the opening, Wednesday. Nearly 1,000 birds have been entered, and are already in their cages at the rooms on South Howard st.

Tuesday afternoon, the judges were busy scoring some of the poultry, and all the awards will yet be made today. An especially fine exhibit of cats marks one of the new departures made by the club this year, and awards will be made in these classes tomorrow. Pigeons, and waterfowl, chickens, ducks, geese, cats and hares are all gathered to make the show the biggest and best that the local club has ever undertaken.

Aside from the chickens, the collection of hares is said to be especially fine, and the members are congratulating themselves on the fact that the show is the best that has ever been given by the club. The judges from abroad who have arrived thus far are Messrs. F. R. Zimmer, of Gloversville, N. Y., and Eugene Sites, of Elyria. The doors will be thrown open to the public, Wednesday, and the stock will be on exhibition during the remainder of the week.

BOSTON ORCHESTRA

Sixth Number of Star Course
Wednesday Night.

The Boston Ladies' Symphony orchestra will be the attraction at the Opera house tomorrow night, being the sixth number of the Star Course. The orchestra is one of the leading musical organizations of the United States.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS

PLANETS WILL MEET.

The Planet Athletic club will hold a meeting tonight, at which business of importance will be transacted. It is expected that the attendance will be among the largest for a long time.

BOWLING.

The Summits defeated the Grands in two out of three games on the Grand alleys last night, in the presence of an interested crowd of rooters. The scores were as follows:
Summits—713, 831, 861.
Grands—918, 807, 821.

In the Howard st. alley league, the Akron Manufacturing Co.'s bowlers defeated the Imperials in two hot games out of three, with the following scores:
Akron Manufacturing Co.—876, 762, 768.
Imperials—813, 719, 803.

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WIRELESS

Messages From Nome City to
Seattle.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Alaska and the United States may soon be connected with a line of wireless telegraph. Washington capitalists are negotiating with Chicago firms for equipment for the proposed line, and the promoters believe that with the opening of summer it will be in operation between Nome City and Seattle.

DEATHS.

KNAPP—Edwin Knapp, aged 61, who lived on Merriman road, died Monday, of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Jan. 9, at the residence. Interment in Glendale.

SILVERNAIL—Joseph Silvernail, aged 21, of 110 Jackson st., died Jan. 6, of spinal meningitis. The funeral services will be held from the home of H. D. Ormes, 132½ Bartses st., Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment in East Akron cemetery.

WERNE—Anthony Werne, aged two years, of 241 Carroll st., died Tuesday morning, of diphtheria. Interment Tuesday afternoon in St. Bernard's cemetery.

HUNT—Frank C. Hunt, of Barberton, died Monday of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning in the Catholic church at Barberton, at 8 a. m.

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JANUARY

.LINEN SALE.

AN EXTENSIVE

AND

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE

EXHIBIT

Our patrons are usually accustomed to inspect a very large assortment of linens at this time of the year, but the stock for this sale is larger than ever before. The assortment being thoroughly complete and varied, affords great facilities for selections by Housekeepers, Hotels and Restaurants, and others who may contemplate purchasing.

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\$25, \$30 and \$35.

Our stock is the most complete in the city.

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HOWARD ST...

OPENED BIDS

For Furnishing Structural Iron
Work For New Jail.

The County Commissioners Tuesday afternoon opened bids for the contract to furnish and put up the structural iron work for the new jail. No immediate decision was reached.

IN A CISTERN.

Body of a Missing Man Was
Found.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 7.—The body of Joseph Dressch, well known gardener, was found today in an abandoned cistern. Dressch had been missing since Sunday. Marks on the body indicate murder.

Since we make our own happiness we should think twice before we say this is a sorry world.—National Magazine.

The earliest mention of shoes is in an Egyptian papyrus about 2,200 years before Christ.

The Democrat prints the news, both local and foreign.

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AT THE GRAND

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